

FCC Commissioners  
The Federal Communications Commission RE: Docket 04-435  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners ,

I am writing to voice my concerns about the FCC's proposal to relax the restrictions on the use of cell phones on airplanes in flight.

There is no hard evidence that cell phone use doesn't interfere with navigational instruments. The introduction of cell phone use in the cabin will not only increase tension among passengers, it will compromise flight attendants' ability to maintain order in an emergency. Cell phone use could also enable terrorists to coordinate a plan of action more effectively. By the same token, it would enable terrorists on board to communicate with one another to execute a hijacking more effectively.

The mixture of thin air, cramped quarters, frayed nerves and alcohol consumption already pushes passengers to the limit. Add multiple, high volume cell phone conversations and the recipe for disaster is complete. The introduction of cell phone use in the cabin will not only increase tension among passengers, it will compromise flight attendants' ability to maintain order in an emergency.

I have been a passenger on Britrail trains where cell use was commonplace, and it drove me to distraction!  
Please leave the current rules in effect.

Sincerely,

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